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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

THE DESCALING OF METAL

Serial No. 09/783,353 Filed February 14, 2001

## PETITION UNDER 37 CFR SECTION 1.136(a) FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

For

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a), Applicants hereby respectfully petition that the time to respond to the Office Action, dated March 9, 2004, in the above-captioned application, be extended one month to July 9, 2004. The Extension fee of \$55.00 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) is enclosed.

Accompanying the filing of this Petition is Applicant's Request For Continued Examination and Applicants' Response.

Any additional fees associated with filing this Petition for One Month Extension of Time may be charged to the undersigned's to Deposit Account No. 18-1215.

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